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Thursday, 7th May 2026

Dear Parent /Carer

On Tuesday 23rd June 2026 we are taking your son / daughter to Ercall Quarry, Telford for the day to investigate the local geology and construct a geological history of the area using knowledge and skills learnt in the classroom.

It is a requirement of the exam board that all students carry out two days of fieldwork outside of the classroom and school grounds and this one-day trip will form a part of this requirement.

The aim of the trip is to provide the students with some hands-on experience of interpreting the geology of an area and applying the knowledge and understanding of geology they have developed to the real world.

We shall leave school around 9am, travel to the study area by bus, where students will undertake a series of tasks. We will leave Ercall Quarry in time for a 2:45pm return to school. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the day, pens and pencils and a clipboard if they have one. They will need to dress appropriately for the weather on the day, which is likely to mean wearing warm outdoor clothing, sensible footwear which have good grip and preferably waterproof (the underfoot conditions are likely to be muddy). It would also be advisable for students to bring a waterproof jacket.

A pre-site visit and full risk assessment has been completed. Your son / daughter will be supervised throughout the day apart from short periods of time when they shall be conducting tasks in small groups within a clearly defined area. Students will need to be responsible, respect the importance of safety and maintain high standards of behaviour whilst they are visiting the fieldwork locations.

For this visit to go ahead we have to raise the costs of transport which works out at £8.50 per place. Under the requirements of The Education Act, 1996 we can only raise the cost of the visit by voluntary contributions. However, the visit can only go ahead if the level of financial support is sufficient. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, there will be no charge for the visit.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your consent for your son/daughter taking part in this trip by logging into the schools ParentPay system where you can make the necessary payment and complete the necessary consent and information forms.

Payment and consent must be received before 5th June 2026.

Our school conforms with data protection regulations, which means any data provided is processed and kept according to these regulations. Please see our full privacy notice which can be found at www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk (A paper copy can be provided on request).

If you have any questions regarding the visit or to request a packed lunch for a Pupil Premium student, please get in touch via email: alistair.elkins@csschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. Elkins